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THE VILLAGES OF NORTHPOINTE COMPASS

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Northpointe*

The Villages of Northpointe Compass is a monthly newsletter mailed to all Villages of Northpointe residents. Each newsletter will be filled with valuable information about the community, local area activities, school information, and more.

If you are involved with a school group, play group, scouts, sports team, social group, etc., and would like to submit an article for the newsletter, you can do so online at www.PEELinc.com. Personal news (announcements, accolades/honors/celebrations, etc.) are also welcome as long as they are from area residents.

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Villages of Northpointe Fall Garage Sale

The Villages of Northpointe Fall 2017 Community Wide Garage sale will be: Friday, October 13 and Saturday, October 14 from 8 am to 3 pm. Rain or Shine.

For those new to this event, the community garage sale is organized by residents in the neighborhood & supported by the Villages of Northpointe Board of Directors. The sale of your items takes place at your own place of residence. Each participant can be open both days or one day and stay open longer or shorter than scheduled.

To get the flow of traffic to your location in Village of Northpointe area, you will be responsible to put sign to direct them by putting your address and arrow on it. You can put them at the main

point to your address either on Northpointe Blvd or Northpointe Terrace Dr., etc. and closer to your address. You are also responsible for removing any signs you use after the garage sale is over.

If you have any questions, please email us at jrpivonka@yahoo.com or phone No. 832-698-2055. Janice and Franklin Pivonka.



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Calling all Aggie moms!!! Whether you are a mom of a past, current, or new Aggie, come check out the Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club!! We meet the second Tuesday of every month (Aug-May), at the Houston Distributing Company, 7100 High Life Drive, Houston, Texas.

Socializing starts at 6:30 pm, and the meeting starts at 7:00 pm. Each month, we have interesting speakers, and a chance to win a door prize, a fun money raffle, and a chance to enter the book award drawing! We have a lot of fun in our quest to support our Aggie students, and in awarding a number of student scholarships each year. The scholarship applications are due by early Feb, and are awarded in April.

On October 14th is our Hullabaloo Huddle football watch party at Swanny's Grill! Please refer to our website for details on our upcoming meetings and events. We hope you will join us!!
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CYPRESS 5K FUN RUN AND PUPPY PARADE

Submitted by Tracy Williams

Cypress and Houston area residents can strengthen their families, their bodies, their neighborhood school, and their dogs at a very fun family friendly event this fall. Cypress 5K Fun Run and Puppy Parade benefiting the Performing Arts Department at Spillane Middle School will take place Saturday, November 18th at 9:00 a.m. at Spillane Middle School, 13403 Spillane Woods Blvd.

The event is the school's fourth annual Fun Run, and will feature a timed run. You don't have to be a competitive runner to participate since the race also features a family run for those pushing strollers or wanting to walk, and a dog walking segment. The race will begin at Spillane Middle School, and go through the Coles Crossing neighborhood. Medals will be awarded in multiple age brackets, and to the first three dogs who cross the finish line.

While generating funds to support the school's award-winning Performing Arts programs is one goal of this run, event organizers want to strengthen the school's ties to the community as well as encourage community spirit and fitness. The race has become an annual tradition for many, and provides the opportunity to run, walk, bond with, and support family, friends, and neighbors. Last year's run had over 900 participants, and was a great success.



Early bird registration runs August 20 through October 28 for \$30 per individual or \$100 for a family of four, and includes a commemorative T-shirt. From Oct. 29 Nov. 11th registration increases to \$35 per individual or \$110 for a family of four, and a T-shirt is not guaranteed. Late registration, which continues until race day, is \$40 per individual or \$160 for a family of four, and does not include the shirt.

Returning this year will be the option to "Sleep in for the Arts." Pay the registration fee. Do not participate on Race Day. Get a t-shirt!

Runners who have pre-registered can pick up their packets Thursday, November 16th at Spillane Middle School.

To register or for more information, visit the Cypress 5K Fun Run & Puppy Parade website at <https://thedriven.net/cypress5k>.

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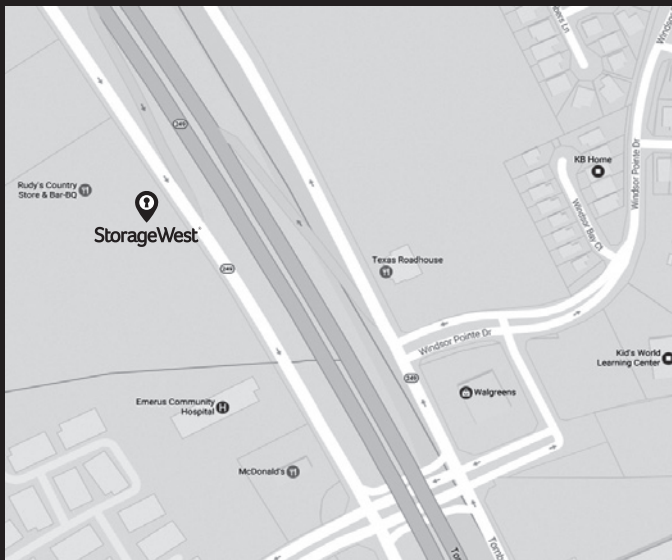
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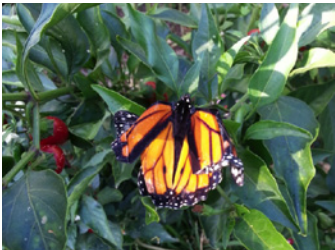
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MONARCHS & OE

The protozoan parasite *Ophryocystis elektroscirrha* (OE) infects monarch and queen butterflies. It is an obligate parasite and requires a host to live within and to grow and multiply. It was first discovered in the 1960's infecting monarchs in Florida. Since then, it's been found in monarch populations across the world. It is thought that the parasite has co-evolved with monarchs.

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There are three major populations of monarchs in the United States- one east of the Rocky Mountains that winters in Central Mexico and migrate north into the US and Canada; another west of the Rocky mountains that overwinters on the coast of California; the third population are non-migratory and can breed year round in areas such as Florida, Texas and Hawaii. All three populations are infected with OE.

Monarchs infected with OE will have spores wedged between the scales on their body, with the greatest concentration usually occurring on the abdomen. The spores are very small and require a microscope to see.

Female monarchs pass OE spores onto their offspring when they lay eggs. When caterpillars emerge from the egg, they eat the egg shell ingesting the spores. When spores reach the midgut of the insect, they break open and release protozoan parasites. The protozoans move through the gut lining to the epidermis where they reproduce asexually (divides multiple times increasing the number of protozoans). In the butterfly chrysalis stage, the protozoans go through sexual reproduction (again increasing the number of protozoans). Spores form so the emerging butterfly is covered in spores. Spores can also be scattered onto milkweed from butterflies laying eggs or feeding on nectar. Spores on the milkweed can be consumed by caterpillars as they eat foliage.

Once butterflies are infected, they do not recover. OE does not grow or reproduce on the adults; spores remain dormant until they are ingested by a caterpillar.

Infected pupae have dark blotches 2-3 days before emergence. Adults that are heavily infected often have problems emerging from the chrysalis and some may die before emerging. Others that do emerge may fall to the ground before their wings are expanded leading to them dying quickly. Many infected monarchs look healthy, so the only way to determine infection is by looking for spores.

What can you do? Check monarchs for spores and destroy any you find that are infected. I know this seems harsh, but infected monarchs further spread the protozoa and kill more butterflies in later generations. Cut down milkweed several times per year to get rid of any possible spores that may be on the plants and to encourage new, healthy growth.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com
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